## **COLLEY BILLIE**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Colley Billie is currently serving in his second term as Chairman of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (Tribe). He was first inaugurated as Chairman on January 5, 2010; and then inaugurated for his second term on December 4, 2013. As Chairman, Colley Billie works with the Miccosukee Business Council to fulfill their roles as stewards for the Miccosukee people.

The Tribe is a sovereign domestic nation within the United States, comprised of approximately 650 members and is located in the heart of the Everglades. The Everglades have been the homeland of the Miccosukee people for hundreds of years, which is where the Miccosukee people still live today. The Tribe continues to practice its culture and traditions in the Everglades.

At his first inauguration, Chairman Billie made several commitments to his people. He is committed to good governance, protecting and enhancing the Tribe's sovereignty, economic development, and environmental stewardship. Chairman Billie works to fulfill these goals for his people every day. Chairman Billie has a profound respect for the Tribe's beautiful and unique homelands exemplified in a simple philosophy: "We must honor the earth, from where we are made." His dedication to protecting the Tribe's lands and traditional ways of life and culture is intertwined with the Tribe's unwavering commitment to preserving the Everglades.

Chairman Billie studied Management at Stetson University where he graduated with a BBA Degree. He served as Poker Director at Miccosukee Resort & Gaming for ten years prior to his election.